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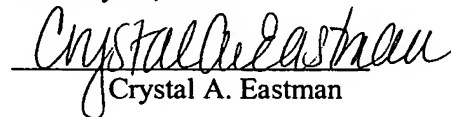
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH RESPONSE

This Preliminary Amendment with Response is in reply to the Final Office Action mailed October 25, 2007 and is being filed simultaneously with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). In Response to the Final Office Action and in accordance with the RCE filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin at page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.